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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1906.

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Large Stock on Hand of
AUGUSTINER BRAU
AND THE CELEBRATED
KULMBACHER BIER.
Per Case of 6 doz. ptes. \$18.00.
Per Case of 4 doz. qts. \$18.00.
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Intimations.

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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th May to 2nd June, both days inclusive.
BRADLEY & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 18, 1906. 1027

NOTICE.

DURING Mr. K. GEORGE'S absence Mr. F. H. KIRCHHOFF has been appointed MANAGER.
Mr. F. NICOLAI is authorised to Sign Per Procuration.
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, May 18, 1906. 1028

WANTED.

A SMALL FURNISHED HOUSE for two months: July and August. Missionary Family.
Apply
Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.
Hongkong, May 14, 1906. 998

DOCTOR WANTED.

TO act as SURGEON on an Emigrant Steamer.
For particulars, apply to
G. P. CHAMPEAUX,
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SITUATION WANTED.

YOUNG EXPERIENCED ACCOUNTANT, with good knowledge of Shipping, Insurance and Typewriting, having all mornings to spare, would be glad of engagement.
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Hongkong, May 2, 1906. 913

NOTICE.

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Dated this 10th day of May, 1906.
WING SUN & COMPANY,
TAILORS AND OUTFITTERS,
No. 54, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
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TUNG CHEUNG & CO.,

COAL MERCHANTS.
AGENTS to TATSUMI SHOKUAI OF MOJI, COAL EXPORTERS.
SOLE AGENTS FOR KUROBARA COAL.
Have always a Large Stock of Best AUSTRALIAN and JAPANESE COAL and undertake to bunker steamers at the shortest notice.
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Hongkong, March 9, 1906. 505

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By Appointment to

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Supplied to all the Leading Clubs and Hotels, and to be obtained from All the Principal Stores.

Business Notices.

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WORKS: KOWLOON BAY. OFFICES & STORES: No. 20, CONNAUGHT ROAD.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

Hongkong-Canton Line.

s.s. HONAM, 2,363 tons, Captain H. D. Jones.
s.s. FOWAN, 2,333 tons, Captain W. A. Valentine.
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Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8.30 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 3 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. (Saturday Excepted).
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These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

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s.s. HEUNGSHAN, 1,998 tons, Captain J. F. Morrison, R.N.S.R.
Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 2 p.m., on Sundays at Noon, except when otherwise notified by Express.
Note:—During the Summer Months the time of leaving fluctuates to suit the tide at Macao. See Special Summer Timetable.
Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m.

Canton-Macao Line.

s.s. LUNGSHAN, 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.
This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a.m.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 a.m.

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s.s. SAINAM, 538 tons, Captain J. Willer.
s.s. NANNING, 569 tons, Captain C. Baichart.
One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about five days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation, and are lighted throughout by electricity.
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PRIVATE HOTEL, CENTRALLY SITUATED.
THREE MINUTES' WALK FROM POST OFFICE.
SPECIAL TERMS FOR MONTHLY BOARDERS.
RATES MODERATE.
29, WYNDHAM STREET.
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NO BAMBOO FRAMES IN OUR CHAIRS.
Some NOVELTIES IN LEATHER CHAIRS, WORK AND BUILT LEATHER PILLOWS, ETC., JUST ARRIVED.
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(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL).
SIGHT TESTED FREE. LENSES GRIND. REPAIRS A SPECIALITY.
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HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL.
THIS Company issues the most Liberal and Clear Policy ever offered in East. DOUBLE BENEFITS for TRAVEL, ACCIDENTS, FEVER, TYPHOID and SMALL-POX Covered. Policies written HERE, in any Currency.
HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VEGUE ROAD CENTRAL.
GRANT AND LESLIE, General Agents for China.
Hongkong, April 21, 1906. 692

WILLIAM MACLEOD, D.D.S.
ENGLISH DENTIST.
1, CAMERON ROAD, KOWLOON.
1st Floor, Kowloon Dispensary.
1328

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LIMITED.

JUST RECEIVED NEW POWDER, PERFUMERIES, SOAPS, HAIR FRAMES, HAIR PINS, &c., &c., &c.
THE COMMERCIAL LAW AFFECTING CHINESE; With Special Reference to PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION AND BANKRUPTCY LAWS IN HONGKONG.
Reprinted from the China Mail.
For Sale at the China Mail Office, 15, Wyndham Street.
Price 50 Cents.

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office. Price, 50 Cents.
China Mail Office, 15, Wyndham Street.

CARLTON HOUSE HOTELS,

No. 8 and 10, Ice House Road,
EXCELLENT FURNISHED ROOMS.
COMFORT OF RESIDENTS AND THE CUISINE A SPECIALTY.
FOR TERMS, APPLY TO THE MANAGER.
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28 & 30, LEE YUEN STREET (WEST) HONGKONG.

DEALERS IN All Sorts of JOFFRE, BRASS, STEEL, IRON WARE, &c.
STEEL GRINDERS and THER, CORRUGATED IRON, FIG IRON, &c., Suitable for SHIPS, ENGINEERS and HOUSE BUILDERS.
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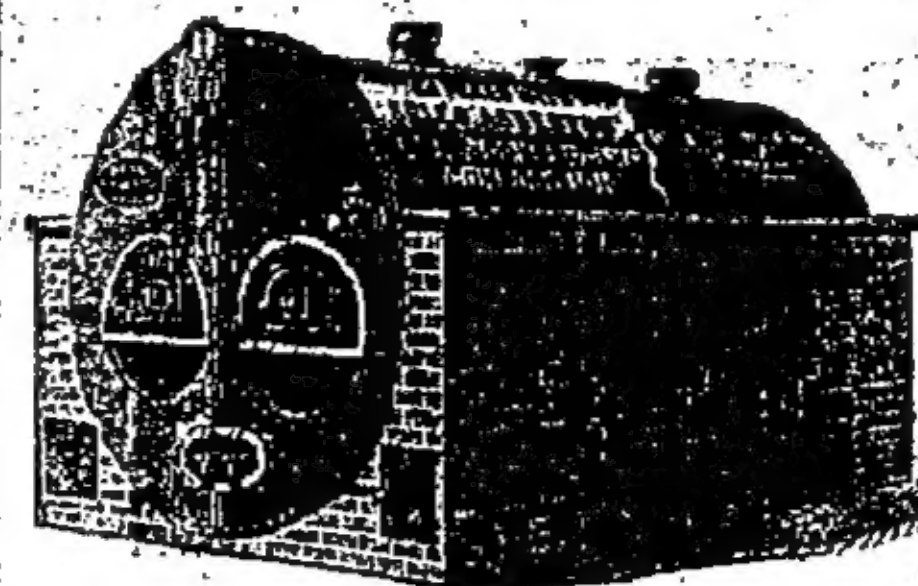
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Business Notices.

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HAVE FUNN BY COVERING YOUR BOILERS AND STEAMPIPES WITH BELL'S ASBESTOS NON-CONDUCTING COMPOSITION.



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JUST RECEIVED A NEW SHIPMENT OF SUMMER COSTUMES

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BLOUSES, UNDERSKIRTS, BOOTS and SHOES.

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UNRIVALED FOR COMFORT AND CUISINE. THOROUGHLY UP-TO-DATE WITH EVERY MODERN LUXURY. MODERATE TERMS AND NO EXTRAS.
H. HAYNES, Manager.
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STAG HOTEL.

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CHARLES HEIDSIECK.

PURVEYOR TO HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD.

SIEMSEN & CO., SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.
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Hongkong, March 2, 1906.

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VISIBILITY. SIMPLICITY. DURABILITY.

UNRIVALED FOR DUPLICATING. WRITING IN SIGHT. UNIVERSAL KEYBOARD.

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WHISKY
THERE IS ONLY ONE
WE CALL IT No. 1 BECAUSE IT IS SO IN EVERY RESPECT. IT IS OF GREAT AGE, MATURED IN SHERRY CASKS, MELLOW, SLIGHTLY SMOKY, AND DISTILLED FROM PURE MALT. BESIDES, IT IS BY THE DISTILLERS. DO NOT FORGET WHAT THIS MEANS.

\$18.00 Per Dozen.

GREGOR & CO., 19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
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PORTLAND CEMENT

In Casks of 375 lbs. net, \$4.75 per Cask, ex Factory.

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NEW SUMMER COSTUMES AND MATERIALS IN LINEN, MUSLIN AND CAMBRIC, ETC.

NEWEST STYLES IN

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LATE HOTEL AMERICA 2, WYNDHAM STREET. A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL under European Management. NICELY FURNISHED. AIRY ROOMS. EVERY COMFORT FOR RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS. EXCELLENT CUISINE. Three minutes' walk from the Ferry Wharf. Terms Reasonable. Apply to THE MANAGER.
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DISINFECTANTS! DISINFECTANTS!

NOW IS THE TIME TO USE THEM

NESTOR FLUID CHEAP AND RELIABLE

In 1 Gallon and 5 Gallon Tins.

SOLE AGENTS:

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

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WITH ALL REQUISITES.

SIEMSEN & CO., SOLE AGENTS.
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Hongkong, March 2, 1906.

LEE LOONG & CO.,

FURNITURE STORE,

No. 14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

(Next Door to H. PRICE & Co.)

ALL Kinds of FURNITURE, CARVED (ANTON) BLACKWOOD, CROCKERY and GLASS

A WARE KITCHEN UTENSILS, etc., etc.

AT MODERATE PRICES.

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W. BREWER & CO.

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NEW NOVELS BY ENGLISH MAIL

That Preposterous Will, by L. G. Moberley	... \$2.75
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Per Dozen

EXTRA SPECIAL FINEST LIQUEUR.....\$14.50

V. O. S. (OLD MATURED).....\$15.50

FERRINTOSH (GREAT AGE VERY FINE).....\$22.00

Telephone No. 75.

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WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

18, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THRILLING TRIP IN A CASCO.

Blown Across the China Sea.

A thrilling tale of the sea is told by Eulogio de los Santos, one of the ten casco hands that manned casco number 2406, on her hurricane driven passage across the China sea to Saigon.

The crew of the casco have now returned to Manila leaving on the day following the receipt of the news from Saigon that all were safe.

The casco, which is the property of General Miguel Malvar, of insurrectionary fame, was beating her path over Manila Bay towards Marikina, on March 18, when a storm broke, and turning her ruthlessly in the trough of its wash and buffeting the best efforts of the men with the poles and paddles to give the craft way on a safe luff landwards, and sweeping about her poop, the waves drove her dead through the channel and out to sea, whilst the tempestuous winds tore all the loose trunk over the tops housing and swept all loose hamper overboard.

She was laden with rice and wood, which fortunately provided sufficient ballast to keep her from turning turtle, through the stress of wave and wind, and after seeing that their efforts to navigate the craft were fruitless, the patron and his hands abandoned all work against the elements and threw themselves down below, hatching themselves to the vessel to escape being washed overboard, and abandoned themselves to providence and fate. They spent 36 hours of nameless anguish offering prayers to the Almighty to save them from a watery grave and thinking of their loved ones at the town of Biñan, on the shores of Laguna de Bay.

Then the storm ceased as abruptly as it had begun and the men went up above to find themselves alone at sea no land in sight. The patron dealt out the portions of rice and scarce hoping to ever see terra firma again, the men took to the paddles, rigged up a sort of mast and lot providence, in default of compass, direct the craft. 13 days were passed in this way and then the chow gave out. There was still no sign of land and the men abandoned hope and laid themselves down to die.

For four days they drifted at the mercy of the current until one morning they were washed up near Saigon. A steamer leaving that port for Bangkok furnished the half-finished crew with the first nourishment they had partaken of for many days and the men ate ravenously. They were afterwards taken care of by the French authorities at Saigon, and returned to Manila on the steamer "Magallanes".

The men left for their homes in Laguna province yesterday.

The steamer sent out by the customs authorities on the day following the disappearance of the casco has been cancelled.

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A SAFE REMEDY FOR ALL SKIN AND BLOOD DISEASES.

If you suffer from any disease due to an impure state of the blood, from whatever cause arising, you should test the value of Clarke's Blood Mixture, the world-famed Blood Purifier and Restorer. This medicine has 40 years' reputation, and is to-day more popular than ever. The reason of this being undoubtedly because this wonderful remedy does what it professes to do—it cures skin and blood diseases permanently.

Clarke's Blood Mixture

IS THE FINEST BLOOD PURIFIER EVER DISCOVERED.

It is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities, from whatever cause arising. For Rheumatic Pain, for it removes the cause from the blood and bones.

NOTE. This mixture is pleasant to the taste and warranted free from anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, from infancy to old age, and the Frequent use of it is sure to give it a trial to test its value.

Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it.

It is a safe and permanent remedy.

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If the finest quality blender Havana Tobacco made by skilled scientific labour counts for anything

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MUST BE THE BEST VALUE IN THE WORLD.

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A NEW AND STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS HOTEL.

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Electric Flower Pots,

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Table Lamps,

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MITUS BISHI GOSHI KWAISHA

(MITSU BISHI CO.)

COAL DEPARTMENT

MARUNO-UCHI, TOKIO.

CABLE ADDRESS: "IWASAKI"

Which applies to all Branch Offices.

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Yamada Collieries and also Hojo Colliery,

which will shortly be ready to produce on a

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The Head and Branch Offices and the

Agenies of the Company will receive any

order for Coals produced from the above

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T. MATSUKI, Manager, Hongkong,

No. 2, PRINCE STREET.

Hongkong, April 25, 1906.

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AT THE PEAK.

A SIX-ROOMED HOUSE with Dining,

Dessert and two bedrooms; distant

thirteen minutes by chair from the Tram;

fitted with superior bath and with Hot

and Cold Water; large Kitchen; Laundry

and Servants' Quarters.

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Dessert and two bedrooms; distant

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and Servants' Quarters.

For particulars and terms, apply to

SHAW, TOMES & CO.

Hongkong, May 9, 1906.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES OF

THE WILL OF THE LATE

Mrs J. H. COX.

Messrs HUGHES & HUGH have

been instructed to sell by Public

Auction on

MONDAY,

the 28th day of May, 1906, at 12 o'clock

Noon, at their Auction Rooms, No. 8,

Des Voeux Road, (Corner of

Ice House Street), in One Lot,

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD

PROPERTIES

Registered in the Land Office as

KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1132

KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1133.

The Properties comprise the commodious

dwelling-house known as "Pineapple,"

adjoining the King's Park in the best part

of Kowloon, and vacant land suitable for

immediate development. Total area 163,499

square feet or thereabouts.

Total amount of Crown Rent payable

\$742 per annum.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may

be had from the Vendors' Solicitors,

Messrs DEACON, LOCKER & DEACON,

No. 1, Des Voeux Road Central,

and also from the AUCTIONEERS.

Hongkong, May 18, 1906.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to Sell by Public Auction, for account of the CONGRESSIONAL

on

THURSDAY,

the 14th June, 1906, at 11 A.M., at the

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF,

and GODOWN COMPANY'S Premises,

Kowloon,

COMPLETE CEMENT FACTORY,

originally intended to be put up as

the Kwantung Cement Factory, but

landed in Hongkong on account of the

Russo-Japanese War, will be

sold, by order of the proprietor, Mr.

Chitson, to the highest bidder, with

all the plant and machinery, and

specifications of the Machinery and

accessories, as well as any further information

may be obtained from

SIEMSEN & CO.,

Hamburg & Hongkong, and

LAWRENCE & CO.,

St. Petersburg.

Wassili G. G. G.,

4 Linie, Haus No. 5,

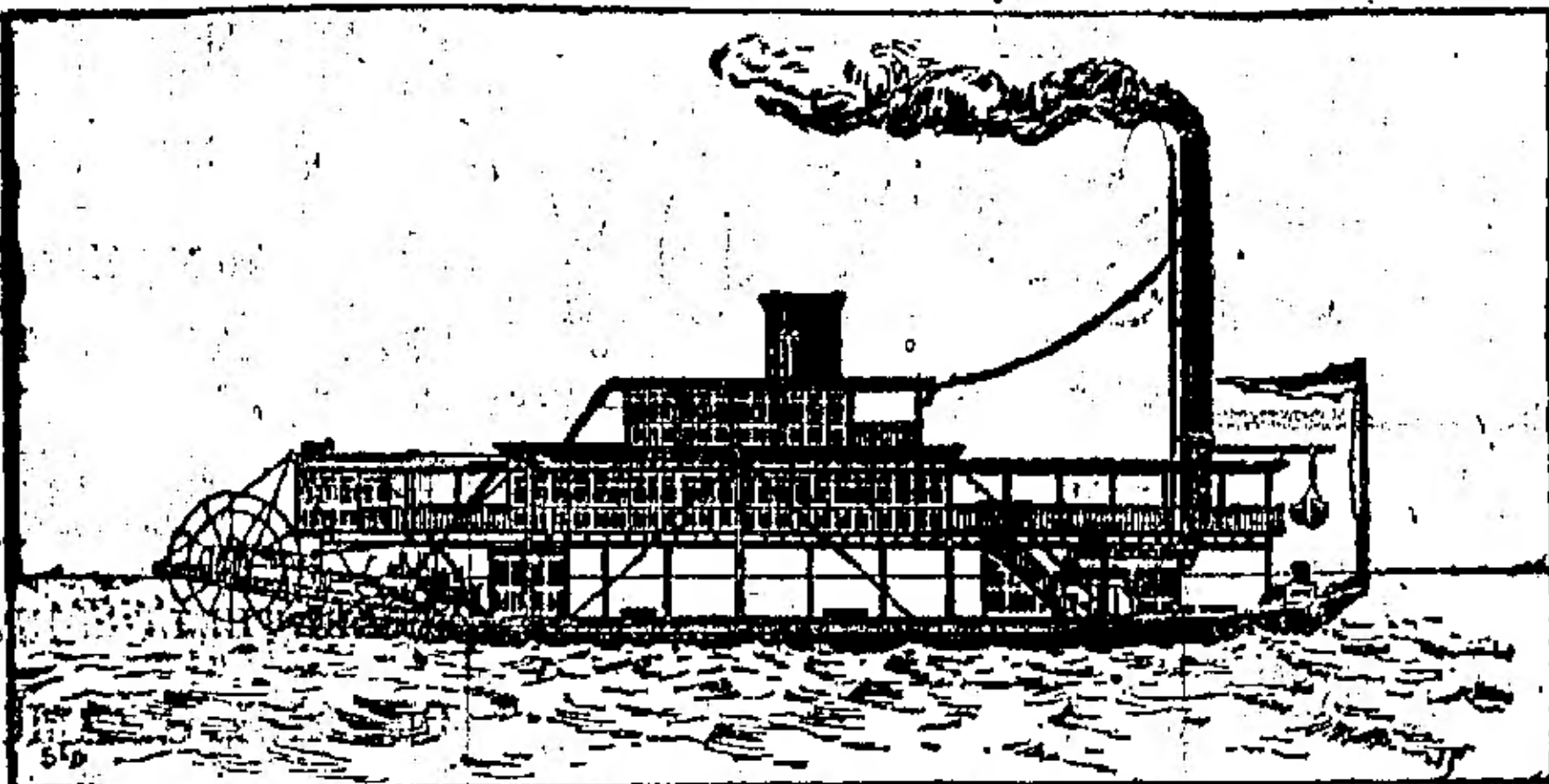
as well as from the Auctioneers, Messrs

HUGHES & HUGH.

Hongkong, May 1, 1906.

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YARROW'S SHALLOW DRAFT STEAMERS.



STEAMSHIP STEAMERS have been found by experience to be the best type of vessel for shallow river navigation under many conditions of working, and of these Messrs. Yarrow have built a very large number of successful examples for all parts of the world.

Vessels on this system are constructed when required, to draw as little as 10 inches.

The construction of shallow river vessels propelled on various systems has been made the speciality of Messrs.

YARROW & Co., Ltd.

For particulars apply to YARROW & CO., LTD., Shipbuilders, FORT, LONDON.

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THE ONLY GENUINE

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WHICH BEARS THE NAME OF

J. CLIFFORD-WILKINSON.

BEWARE OF SPURIOUS
IMITATIONSwhich are unpalatable and sometimes
dangerous.

Per Case of 48 Pints \$8.50

Per Dozen Pints \$1.70

Per Case of 100 Splits \$3.00

Per Dozen Splits \$1.10

TANSAN
GINGER ALE.

Experts Testify That

TANSAN MAKES THE MOST
WHOLESALE AND
PALATABLE**GINGER ALE**
IN THE WORLD.

Per Case 48 Pints \$7.75

Per Dozen Pints 1.95

Per Case 60 Splits 5.25

Per Dozen Splits 1.80

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MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Auctions

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Lands at

Public Works Department's Office.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Scholar* unclaimed after

this date at noon will be subject to

rent and landing charges.

Goods per *Parkway* not cleared at 4 p.m.

on this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, May 22:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous

Goods, &c., at Mr. F. Kien's Sales

Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, May 23:—

5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Bowling Club,

Lea, in Club Premises.

Goods per *Osaka* not cleared at 4 p.m.

on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, May 24:—

Goods per *Endomora* undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, May 26:—

Goods per *Immer* undelivered after

this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, May 28:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Government Stores,

at Army Ordnance Stores, Queen's

Road, East.

Noon—Auction of Leasehold Property,

at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's Sales

Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, May 30:—

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of 'Star' Ferry

Co., Ltd., at City Hall.

5.15 p.m.—Meeting of V.R.C. at Row-

loon.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1906.

CHINA'S NATIONAL INDEBTED-

NESS.

FENHAI the most significant indica-

tion of the change that is coming over

China is the close attention which is

being paid by her publicists to the

state of her finances. For hundreds

of years the financial administration of

the Empire has been as costly as it

was unprofitable. Instead of having

universal laws of taxation, applying

in every part of the Empire, the local

authorities were allowed to raise

money pretty much as they wished,

and if they kept their contribution to

the central government up to the mark

it was not thought necessary to inquire

too closely into the amount which was

diverted in irregular directions. In a

word the system of enmeshing avarice

was tacitly encouraged by the Throne.

Of course there were many enlightened

Viceroy who strove to better the

condition of the people in the provinces

committed to their charge but old

custom has up to the present been too

strong for them. A civil service

which has traditions of corruption

running back for centuries cannot be

reformed in a day. With the increas-

ed attention being paid to financial

matters it has only to be expected

that the high rate of interest which

China is paying for her loans should

come under review. China has

lately seen Japan, one of the

poor countries of the world, bor-

rowing money for as little as four

per cent. per annum, and this not-

withstanding the fact that the money

was to be used for the most wasteful

purpose to which money can be

devoted—military operations. Within

the last few weeks she has witnessed

the raising of a sum by Russia half as

large again as China's total indebted-

ness at a little over 5 per cent.

China's total indebtedness is only about

fifty-four and a half millions sterling.

It is singular that the practicability of

effecting a conversion of the loans

upon which she is paying 7 and 8 per

cent. has only just occurred to her

officials. However, we are now in-

formed that Censor Wang Cheng-hai

has memorialised the Throne on this

point and that his memorial has been

favoured with the Imperial approval.

Further it is said that the foreign

Ministers at Peking cordially approve

of the suggestion and are anxious to

have it put into effect. No doubt

the opportunity will be seized of im-

pressing upon China the close relation

between credit and character. Before

she can hope to borrow with the ease

with which Japan, or any other

country where there is a strong central

government, China must prove that

she is able to put an end to the

sporadic outbreaks which, from time

to time, cause an infinite amount of
diplomatic trouble and involve heavy
financial reparation. With the huge
latent wealth that China possesses she
may hope, as soon as the country is
under a strong and wise government, to
borrow money as cheaply as any of thegreat powers. Until that time, how-
ever, she must remember that her credit
in little if any better than that of the
turbulent Spanish American states
who, owing to the unfortunate reputa-
tion they have obtained for financial
"slimness," can only obtain accommo-
dation upon most onerous conditions.Captain E. F. Gordon Tucker,
I. M. S., India, has issued a pamphlet
concerning plague, which outlines a
system of treatment for which the
author claims the merit of invariable
success. The pamphlet begins with
the statement that the ravages of the
epidemic can always be limited and
controlled by those who will take the
trouble to study scientifically the man-
ner in which this pestilence crops up
and spreads in a native city, and it
proceeds to describe the various stages
or the progress of the disease. The
author summarises the facts on
which the principles of preventive
treatment may be based as follows:—
The flooring of houses, the soil the
sewage-laden subsoil, articles of cloth-
ing, bedding, food, and merchandise.
All these things in time of plague
become the site of temporary local
contamination by the bacillus pestis,
which dies out under the antagonistic
influence of saprophytic organisms
within six weeks or less. The bacillus
is conveyed from spot to spot and also
maintained in a state of virulence by
passing through man and rats.
Among other measures the author
recommends movable health camps.
If every municipality, he affirms,
which had ever been afflicted with
plague were to keep in store tents or
huts for ten per cent. of its population,
and used them in accordance with the
plan suggested by him, the annual
epidemic, with its attendant waste of
life and two months' dislocation of
trade, would be averted.Burma has the reputation of being one
of those dreamy delightful countries
where work is regarded in the proper
light. This is to say something which
worse than plague or any of those other
afflictions which enable the Govern-
ments of other states to announce that
they have "pleasure" in proclaiming
an unfortunate neighbour not fit to
commercially associate with. The
Burman it may be said recognises that
work is in one respect more desirable
than idleness. It is easier
to avoid. Foreign residents are wont to
adopt some of the characteristics of the
people among whom they live and base
maligners have alleged that Europeans,
more particularly civil servants, in
Burma have not only learnt their lesson
well but have even shown the capacity
to excel their mentors in the fascinating
occupation of doing nothing as scientifi-
cally as possible. We have always been
inclined to regard these allegations
against our compatriots down south as
the outcome of envy on the part of
jealous persons who had not acquired
that art of living beautifully, which is
so quickly acquired after the griffin
stage is past. But we have been forced
to the belief that after all there is some
justification in the notion that they
are somewhat too preposterously lazy
in Burma. The following advertise-
ment appeared recently in a Rangoon
paper: **SPECIAL NOTICE.**—Billiard
Saloon with First Class Billiard Tables.
*Wonderful remedy for the circulation of
the blood.* A game of Billiards is the
day and one to the evening at Ching's
Billiard Saloon, corner of Dalhousie and
Barr Streets, Rangoon. Breakfast
Tiffin, and dinner. Wine and Liquor.
A man advances to meet a woman as
a rule. The only possible inference to
be drawn from this notice is that the
residents of Rangoon have brought
their indolence to such a pitch that
they are appalled at the idea of any-
thing connected with them moving.
But the remedy seems rather illogical.
Tolling round a billiard table exan-
thered by a cue seems to us to savour
as much of work as letting one's bloodtake the circuitous journey to which
it is accustomed. The Rangoonites
are like the youth of Australia who
will chase a wily horse round a
paddock for hours covering four or five
miles in doing so, in order to ride
a quarter of a mile.A "Spinster" has been giving the
world, by medium of an English jour-
nal, advantage of learning her views
about man (with a small m). She very
kindly describes herself in the first
place. She is "a revolver against the
tame commonplace, a pursuer of mirage,
she cherishes freedom, loves constant
activity, lives every moment of her life,
and revels in the joy of being wooed." The
lady confesses to having had 57
lovers, though she half apologetically
admits that, as she is neither beautiful,
wealthy nor fascinating, her list is per-
haps somewhat attenuated. There are,
we learn, three types of man: the self
assured or bold, the shy, and the tough.
The first make fervent love to a woman
directly they are introduced, "anath-
unwarrantable biases" and so forth,
and these are the individuals a "Spin-
ster" tells us to whom women succumb.
The shy are the decent fellows, growing
alas! too rare now-a-days as a "Spin-
ster" fails to observe, who reverence all
womanhood and who, she declares,
women ignore utterly. The third sec-
tion are the ones who are only concern-
ed about getting on in the world and
who only marry as a matter of expedi-
ency. These are the sort, a "Spinster"
affirms, who can always marry the
women they want. Their coolness
and indifference pique her. There is
a lot more of it, but the above
is a good sample. One cannot
help thinking that philosophy such
as this suggests the forced smile which
is intended to prevent the exposure of
an aching heart. It is the cheapest
kind of cynicism though it may be
entirely true as applied to a small sec-
tion of humanity. Women have plenty
of commonsense and they generally
apprehend the man who makes "fervent
love to them directly they are introduc-
ed" at his true worth. After all any in-
dividual, male or female, can only write
of such things as these from their own
knowledge, and the personal equation
must be regarded throughout. Many
books and essays and articles have been
written which portrayed mankind as a
thing of evil but many others have seen
the light which have shown good men
and women whose lives were not lived
solely for selfish enjoyment. The person
whose environment has been unfortu-
nately decided that those human beings
who are not knaves are fools, but he or
she will not convince others who have
met much kindness and goodness and
unselfishness among the people with
whom they have associated. It is
undeniable that there is a tendency too,
weakness let us call it, in us all and no-
one can live up to their own ideal. But
to depict mankind as divided into the
unscrupulous, the well-meaning but
somewhat foolish, and the callous is
absurd. Equally absurd is it to suppose
that all women are prepared to surren-
der to every impetuous lover who crosses
their path. A "Spinster" must have
had some unfortunate experiences, and
not improbably she belongs to the
genus decadent.Thursday, May 24 has been proclaimed
a public holiday, and Monday, June 4,
has been proclaimed a holiday throughout
Government Departments.The Office of the General of Fukien
will probably be abolished shortly and the
duties amalgamated with those of the
Governor.The "Minnesota" and "Dakota."
A few days ago was republished a para-
graph from *Freight*, to the effect that it
was rumoured that the "Minnesota" and
"Dakota" were to be taken of the Seattle
line. On inquiry we find that this rumour
has no foundation. The "Minnesota" is
due to leave here on June 12 and the
"Dakota" on July 21.Police Magistrate's Report.
The report of the Police Magistrate for
1906, which appears in the *Government
Gazette*, shows that there were 13,450
cases, with a total of 18,476 prisoners, dealt
with during the year. Of these 15,424
were convicted and punished, 2,323 were
discharged, 87 were committed for trial at
the Supreme Court, and 20 were committed
to prison or detained pending orders from
His Excellency the Governor. Most of the
charges were minor ones, though there
were twelve murder cases and 10 man-
slaughter cases.The following notice is issued by Mr
Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 19th at 12.50 p.m. The barometer
has risen in Manila, and fallen over China
and Formosa.
The typhoon appears to be situated to the
NW. of Luzon. It is probably moving
towards NW.
Pressure is highest over S. Japan. It
remains low to the N. of Japan.
Strong NE. winds to gales are indicated
in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part
of the China Sea.
Forecast:—N. winds, moderate; fair.**LAME BACK.**
THIS ailment is usually caused by
a violent strain of the muscles and may
be cured by applying Chamberlain's Pain
Balm two or three times a day, and rubbing
the parts vigorously at each application.
If this does not afford relief send for a
bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and
quick relief is almost sure to follow.
For sale by all chemists and store-
keepers.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Vicerey Chang Chih-tung is establish-
ing a school for police-cadets at Wuchang.Schemes are on foot for the establish-
ment of two Chinese-Japanese forestry
companies in North Manchuria.

BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

AMERICA'S NAVY.

A "DREADNOUGHT" WANTED.

Submarines Provided For.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

London, May 18.

The House of Representatives, at Washington, has passed the Naval Bill, which provides for the construction of a battleship of the "Dreadnought" type at a cost of £2,000,000 sterling.

The naval programme also includes the construction of submarines, and for this purpose the sum of \$1,000,000 (£200,000) has been allocated.

THE NATAL RISING.

REBELS CONCENTRATING.

An Overseer Murdered.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

London, May 18.

The Natal rebels are concentrating with the object of descending with force upon Nkandha.

An overseer, named Walters, has been murdered in his camp.

THE SITUATION IN APRIL.

News By Mail.

The following extracts from the latest London papers to hand show that the situation in Natal was becoming much more serious in April.

It is officially announced that the Zulu chiefs Sigamandla and Ntshambi have refused to co-operate in the measures for the capture of Bambata.

The situation which has thus arisen is decidedly serious. Although it is recognised that dissatisfaction existed amongst the Natal tribes, it has hitherto been considered that the Zulus were absolutely loyal.

The Militia at several centres of the Colony have been ordered to be in readiness for immediate mobilisation.

PIETERMARITZBURG, April 18.

Everything points to the expectation of serious trouble in Zululand.

The Natal Carbineers are being mobilised, and are concentrating at Dundee, which will probably be the base of the new operations.

If these are likely to be on an extensive scale, it is probable that Imperial troops will be called upon to render assistance.

A strict censorship has been established.

DURBAN, April 18.

The entire absence of news from Zululand has given rise to a generally pessimistic feeling. The mobilisation of the whole Militia is regarded as inevitable. It is anticipated that an irregular force numbering 1,000 will be raised. Three hundred light infantry and a section of artillery are being mobilised. The artillery force is leaving for Dundee immediately.

The local authorities of Newcastle and Estcourt have been entrusted for Dundee. It is reported that the chief Ntshambi has joined Bambata.

Colonel Mansel is still besieged at Nkandha.

The women and children of Eshewe have taken refuge down country. A number arrived at Durban by to-night's train.

Colonel Sir A. Wolsingham, of the Imperial Light Horse, has arrived here and offers to raise from five to ten thousand Transvaal irregulars.—Reuter.

A Central News telegram from Pietermaritzburg states that the Imperial troops in that town, a portion of the second battalion of the Cameron Highlanders, are ordered to hold themselves in readiness for active service.

THE AGENT-GENERAL'S OPINION.

Sir William Arbuckle, Agent-General for Natal, has so far received no official telegrams regarding the dissatisfaction among the Zulus.

In an interview with Reuter's representative, Sir William Arbuckle said:—

"The situation, to say the least, looks serious, and for the first time I confess to a feeling of anxiety. In operating in Zululand we are getting farther from our base. Troops will have to be sent a greater distance out of Natal proper into a country where there are no adequate roads, and where the work to be done will prove much more difficult than nearer the capital."

"The most satisfactory feature of the situation is the attitude adopted by Dinizulu in warning Sigamandla of his responsibility. If the Zulus as a whole remain loyal it will be all right, and so far there seems to be no reason to suppose that they will not do so. The scene of dissatisfaction now seems to be in the Nkandha division of Zululand, in the dense forest region of which Bambata is said to be hidden. The kraals of Sigamandla, who has 1274 huts, and of Ntshambi, who possesses 998 huts, are on the borders of this forest, and are from five to fifteen miles north of the Tugela."

BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

A CONTRADICTION REPORT.

London, May 17.

The report that Germany had acquired Port Poulant, an island South East of Borneo, has been contradicted in the House of Commons.

HARBOUR WORKS AT SINGAPORE.

Work to go ahead.

London, May 17.

Mr Churchill said in the House of Commons, that the Singapore Chamber of Commerce had made representations against the construction of Harbour works, but as Lord Elgin was not satisfied that the representations embodied the wishes of the trading community, he saw no reason for any further delay in a work which had been undertaken on the authority of experts, after prolonged consideration in England and in Singapore.

THE GARTER MISSION.

London, May 17.

Lord Redesdale presided at the dinner of the Japan Society: he dwelt on the gracious reception of the Garter Mission, and said that Japan was in many things a century ahead of the times.

THE RUSSIAN DUMA.

London, May 17.

The Duma is discussing minutely the clauses in the address, speeches are limited to five minutes; numerous extravagant proposals are made.

THE UNITED STATES.

Roosevelt and Railway Rates.

London, May 17.

The Washington Senate is angrily debating President Roosevelt's attitude concerning the Railway Rate Bill; the Democrats accuse him of duplicity and of siding with the Republicans, after making advances to the Democrats.

CHINESE CUSTOMS.

China's Defence.

London, May 17.

Sir Edward Grey says that the Chinese Government maintains the appointment of an Administrator General of the Customs, and says that in a matter of internal Government, they are within their rights in giving him control of the Customs; they disclaim however, any intention of disregarding the loan agreements of 1890 and 1893, which provide, that the administration of the Customs shall not be changed during their currency.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

German Ambassador at Tokyo.

[N. C. DAILY NEWS SERVICE.]

Tokyo, May 12.

The German Ambassador, Baron Mumm, on board the cruiser "Hansa," arrived at Yokohama this morning and proceeded immediately to Tokyo.

Riot in a Plague-Stricken Village.

Tokyo, May 18.

A thousand rioters in a plague-infected village near Hiroshima, owing to the strict preventive measures taken, attacked the policemen and the quarantine officer, who fled in disgust. Two bodies were consequently left unburied for two days.

CHINESE CUSTOMS.

The Inspector-General.

Peking, May 19.

Regarding the appointment of Chinese High Commissioners of Customs, the British and American Ministers have lodged protest with the Waiwupu, on the ground that the appointments deprive Sir Robert Hart of his powers. The German and French Ministers regard the matter coldly.

It is stated in Shanghai mandarin circles that the Waiwupu, and a dispatch, on the 14th instant to the Director of the Diplomatic Corps, explaining the reason of the appointment of their Excellencies Tzih Liang and Tang Shao-yi over the Customs Service, as High and Vice-Commissioners respectively. The dispatch stated that the do have been appointed to the Customs on account of old age and chronic illness, and that if any other foreigner were to be appointed to succeed him in the Inspector-General's office, there would be no change in the machinery of the service and the Commissioners of Customs were to continue in office as hitherto, but with the proviso that they were to be under the control of the new High Commissioners.

The Fukien Camphor Monopoly.

Peking, May 13.

The British Consul at Amoy has protested against the reported camphor monopoly in Fukien, stating that its granting is a menace to the interests of British merchants. The Waiwupu has instructed the Viceroy of the Min-chi to report on the matter.

The School of Constabulary.

Peking, May 13.

The movement in favour of China for the Chinese has caused a question in regard to the re-employment of the N. Kaw-ching, Director of the School of Constabulary, whose term shortly expires. In view of the difficulty which has arisen Mr. Uchida, the Japanese Minister, has postponed his departure.

The question is regarding the attention of foreigners here, equally with the appointment of the High Commissioners of the Customs.

THE "ROOM."

Still on the Rocks.

Messrs Melchers and Co. inform us that they received a telegram at 11 o'clock this morning regarding the stranded mail steamer "Room."

The vessel was still fast on the rocks when the telegram was despatched but the passengers had been safely landed. The crew, however, remain on board and the chance of saving the steamer depends almost entirely upon the weather.

The salvage steamer "Hansa" has been sent to the "Room's" assistance from Nagasaki.

Messrs Melchers and Co. have received a later telegram from Nagasaki dated May 19, 1.30 p.m., as follows:—

"Room position and weather favourable. H.L.G.M.S. 'Hansa' assisting and towing her off to-morrow morning. Further particulars to-morrow."

MUST BRING HIS MONEY HOME.

Police and the Church.

A Filipino woman prosecuted her husband, a representative of the mercantile marine, at the Magistrate this morning, for desertion. Mr F. A. Haselund thought the case was one for settlement but through the interpreter the woman declared she would not live with the defendant again. After a while, however, she relented a little and declared "If he would turn over a new leaf by acting as a man should act and bring his money home then I would live with him." His Worship thought the priest might be the most likely person to effect a settlement and with that end in view called in Chief Detective Inspector Hanson. It being understood that if his diplomacy failed to pour oil on the troubled waters the power of the Church should be invoked. The Chief Detective was successful and the couple left his office promising to be good friends.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

There were 32 fires and 77 incipient fires during 1905; as against 37 and 64 respectively in 1904, says the report of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, which is published in the *Government Gazette*. The report on the Government fire engine, indicates that a condition of the Fire Department in Hongkong has descended. Land engine No. 3 deserves pensioning. It has been 27 years of service! The land engine, No. 3, has seen 23 years; land engine No. 4, 24 years; and land engine No. 5, 19 years. The only modern (1) engine is the fire-float and that has been in use for eight years. Absolutely nothing is modern in the true sense of the word, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Halliday, while he is at home, will speedily send in his report as to what system it is advisable for this Colony to adopt. With the water difficulty so pressing at times it is essential that to as great an extent as possible sea water should be available, but under the existing circumstances if an outbreak of fire occurs at any distance from the Piers, it is almost certain demolition for the house burning and the adjoining houses are in great danger.

THE POST OFFICE.

Report for 1905.

The annual report of the Post Office is published in the *Government Gazette*. The total revenue for 1905 amounted to \$4,348,19, being an increase of \$6,372 over 1904. The expenditure totalled \$3,849,25, there being a deficit of \$499,611.06 on the year's working. This is accounted for by an increase of \$268,692.69 in the contribution to the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, being in final settlement of the Colony's share of the subsidy to the company mentioned from 1893 to 1905. If this item be deducted from the statement of accounts a credit balance of \$23,081.63 is apparent, which is over \$8,500 in excess of the 1904 profit.

The mails dealt with during the year amounted to 139,897 bags bags against 160,641 in 1904; Registered articles and parcels aggregating 638,377, an increase of 39,919, were handled; and the money order department showed an almost increase, especially in regard to Imperial Postal Notes.

Altogether the work of the Post Office must be regarded as satisfactory. The introduction of pillar boxes is a boon, and the arrangement made during the year for the exchange of money orders with Germany, German Colonies and Macao will facilitate business. The report remarks that the extension of the Registration and Parcel Post, and the recent bill before the Supreme Court gave a considerable increase to counter service and permitted the extension of the time up to which parcels could be received for despatch by the English mail, as well as considerable acceleration in deliveries. This is another instance of the increasing demand of a new post office, and the speedy construction of the building now in hand is daily needed.

The Kowloon-Canton Railway.

A Canton dispatch states that Viceroy Tzih has signed the rough draft of an agreement with Mr J. O. P. Bland, representing a British syndicate, for the construction of the above-named railway. The syndicate is to land to China funds for the entire construction of the line, said loan and interest thereon to be guaranteed by the line on salt in Kwangtung province, and so long as the loan has not been repaid the working and control of the line are to be in the hands of the syndicate. The details of the draft agreement have been sent to Peking.

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CHINA AND WESTERN EDUCATION.

[From Our Correspondent.]

Amoy, May 14.

The question of education on Western lines is one that has thoroughly imbued the minds of the people in this district, and wherever a school of any standing is opened it is at once crowded with pupils. There are two large Anglo-Chinese colleges in Amoy, one having 240 pupils and the other 180 pupils. In addition to these there are numerous private schools, that a year or so ago would have had perhaps a dozen scholars or so but which are now crammed with lads whose parents are anxious that they should learn English and the other branches of Western education.

The great revolution that is about to take place in China will be a bloodless one, and will be automatically produced by education. A new race of Chinese in now being trained that will change the whole history of the country within the next generation or two.

CHINA AND OPIUM.

Curing the Smokers.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Amoy, May 14.

It would seem as though the Chinese government were going to take up the opium question in a very practical manner. It has been felt for some time that unless some vigorous measures were taken the Chinese people would be long become a nation of opium smokers. The question has indeed become a very acute one. In this district it is roughly estimated that fully half of the men over fifteen years of age are slaves to the pipe.

Recently an edict from the Emperor was posted up on the great gates of the yamen intimating that all smokers up to the age of forty must at once begin to make preparations to give up the opium habit, and it is darkly hinted that severe legislative measures will in the near future be adopted to deal with all those who neglect to take this advice.

Persons over forty, and who are supposed to have been smoking opium for many years, are treated with considerable leniency. They are allowed a considerable time in which they are gradually to get rid of the bondage in which they are held. Still this is not left entirely to their own discretion. Each of these men must possess an official pass on which is written the amount that they are permitted to use each day, and no dealer in opium is allowed to supply them with more than is officially sanctioned on the pass. It is believed that by this system, where the daily amount is settled by those who have the supervision of it, that even the inveterates will in time be cured of their passion for the drug. It is a clumsy round about way of doing things, but it is evidently impressed the Chinese, for their whole talk now is that opium smoking will before long be banished out of the Middle Kingdom.

CANTON NOTES.

[From Our Correspondent.]

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

On account of repeated despatches having been received from the Viceroy, with reference to the handing over of the Canton-Hankow Railway affairs, the Directors of the Railway Company held a meeting today for the purpose of considering the matter. It is reported that in all probability the change of management will take place in the beginning of the next month.

The shareholders in the Canton-Hankow Railway both at Hongkong and Canton have made representations to the Waiwupu denouncing the present Board of Directors whom they declare have been elected without their sanction and whom they do not recognize.

A reply has been received from the Waiwupu asking the people not to dissolve the co-operation with the merchants have come forward in the undertaking, promising that attention will be given to bringing about a satisfactory arrangement.

MAGISTRATE LEAVES HIS POST.

As usual Chinese officials are not at liberty to leave the place under their jurisdiction without permission from their seniors. Mr. Magistrate of the Tung Kan District, left suddenly for Canton, and his departure from his post has caused rather a surprise and it is not understood what he has assigned for his motive. It is, however, surmised that possibly it might be on account of his inability to quell the robbers there, for that was the question over which the gentry of the District have made strong representations to the Canton authorities.

TERROR AND PEOPLE.

Recently Chinese authorities have shown more desire to promote the welfare of the people over whom they rule than was expected, which is instigated by the fact that on account of the recent flood, the Viceroy personally proceeded to the place of calamity. In addition to this, some thirty physicians have been despatched to different localities to render whatever assistance may be required. All help is given at the expense of the government which, as one native paper remarks, is an unprecedented significance.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

MR C. B. Wainwright of Lyman City, Fla., U.S.A., has written the manufacturers that much better results are obtained from the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in cases of colic in the stomach, and cholera morbus by taking it in water, as hot as can be drunk. That when taken in this way the effect is double in rapidity. It seems to get at the right spot instantly. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

TO CAPTURE THE PLAGUE DEMON.

Chinese Armed with Chains.

Apparently the Chinaman has little respect for our Sanitary Board—or at least for its power to overcome the plague.

The scourge has been rather malignant lately and the Chinese in the Colony have depended upon the Sanitary Board to check it. Seeing, however, that there has been no diminution in the case daily recorded they decided to take the matter into their own hands—to capture and kill the demon—and the Western end of the City was, last night, in a state of pandemonium.

Parties of Chinese carrying chains crept silently about the streets for a time in endeavour to capture the demon unawares. Usually these enterprises are accompanied by considerable gong beating, but last night in the early stages there was nothing of the kind.

The Chinese did not want to warn the demon that they were coming. They desired to sneak upon him unawares and manacle him before he had time to flee. Whether the demon was accosted or not cannot be said, but apparently he was not captured as a terrific fusillade of crackers announced that the Chinese were endeavouring to kill him as he roamed about the city.

Crackers were fired for some hours persistently, and anyone in the quarter could easily believe that the New Year had again arrived. It is to be hoped that the demon has been frightened out of his wits. He ought to have been if concentrated noise goes for anything.

LONDON LETTER.

[From Our Correspondent.]

London, April 30.

This year we are having a record Easter. To many of us the Bank holidays are almost the only resting places we find in the journey through the weary year, and they are never more welcome than when associated, as now, with magnificent weather. Since the beginning of last week London has had daily eleven hours of bright sunshine. Naturally the exodus from London has been unusually unprecedented. All the stations tell the same tale of trains duplicated and platforms thronged with departing excursionists. The cross channel traffic is heavy and even devastated Naples and Vesuvius are attracting those who can afford a Continental holiday.

The House of Commons closed the first act of its first session on Wednesday. In the Bill Education Bill it has certainly left enough work to spoil the holiday for politicians. Churchmen will regard Holy week as the date of this fierce onslaught on the Church's right to teach the children under her charge the faith of their fathers. The Bill sweeps away the distinctions between provided and non-provided schools. All schools maintained from public funds are to be under public management. There is to be one type only of elementary school, and with few slight exceptions one faith, nicknamed Birelligion, taught in it. This is the new sect of the Undenominationalists, the "monk monster" (Gladstone), under which all the millions of children are to be henceforth reared. It will be only in urban districts where there is a population of over fifty thousand that a fourth-fifths majority of parents may demand the continuance of denominational instruction. Confession and tyranny are in every line of the amazing measure. The Church is in arms against it, and it is perfectly certain that the House of Lords will never let it pass unless it be drastically altered in committee.

The terrible eruption of Vesuvius seems at last subsiding. Probably the enormous outpour of volcanic ash this week indicates that the mountain has thrown up all the lava available. To glance for a moment at the brighter side of such a disaster, we may note that it renders a repetition of the recent Calabrian earthquake less probable after the underground forces have made such an emphatic use of their safety valves.

Fertiliser ash is moreover an excellent substitute for manure, and the loss may be compensated by improved vineyards and olive harvests. It has done good also by evoking much sympathy and kind assistance from natives and visitors. The King and Queen of Italy and the Duke of Aosta have been tireless, and as in the Lens colliery accident foreign help has been given also.

An American sportsman, Mr A. Belmont, has purchased for £25,000 the famous Derby winner Rock Sand, which in the same year, 1903, also took the St. Leger and the 8,000 guineas. The horse is to be sent out to the States in June.

The death is announced of Mr James Anthony Bailey, a Quaker's partner, who made a fine stroke of business out of the purchase of Jumbo from the Zoological Gardens in 1881. During the short remainder of his life it was the greatest living attraction ever existing.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Hon. Dr Ho Kai, C.M.G., has been re-appointed a member of the Medical Board.

Mr J. R. Wood has been appointed a member of the Squatter's Board, vice Mr F. J. Buley.

Mr J. E. Menagh has been appointed Chief store-keeper in connection with the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

Mr J. Macdonald, Government Marine Surveyor, has been appointed to approve and certify to the position of the dials indicating the load line and any alteration thereof of all British and Colonial ships registered in the Colony.

Mr J. M. Gardiner Shaw, Assoc. Inst. M. A., China Navigation Co.'s service, who sat in the examination at Cambridge last September, has passed, and had the degree of Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of Great Britain conferred upon him.

Mr Luke E. Wright on board the G. N. S. "Minnesota" arrived at Yokohama on May 13, two days ahead of time. The papers in their editorials welcome him as an able man to deal with the conditions, which have become changed in consequence of the war.

Mr T. P. O'Connor, M.P., on Winton Churchill:—I have no doubt of his reaching a very high position—how high it is impossible to forecast—politics is a curious and uncertain game; and call no man Prime Minister till he gets there; and call no Prime Minister happy unless you know. The one period in the career of this astonishing youngster is his health. The pale complexion and the slight form with the rather premature stoop suggest that he is not of strong physique. But that is no reason why he should not live to ninety. My experience is that men's lives, and especially the lives of politicians, is much more dependent on their treatment of their bodies than on the frame which Nature has originally given them. Many weak infants like Goethe and Lord John Russell have lived to a patriarchal age. It is quite possible that this delicate framed boy by his absorption in his work and by judicious rules of health and life will see in their graves many of his contemporaries with apparently far robustier physiques. But he must not work too hard.

According to an Indian journal there has just died, aged 82 years, at the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Calcutta, one of the last of the veterans of the campaigns against the Sikhs, Trumpeter Joseph Mitchell. He was born in India in 1824, and joined the Bengal Artillery under the East India Company as trumpeter in 1838, when only 11 years of age. He was in possession of medals and clasps for the Sutlej, Valley and the battles of Chillianwalla and Sobraon, and at the last named battle acted, it is believed, as trumpeter to Lord Hardinge. A spent bullet from one of the enemy's guns caught him in the lobe of one ear, taking off a small piece. He rose to be Trumpet-Major, but was in receipt of only a very small pension, about Rs. 69 per quarter. After leaving the Army he was employed for some years as a cashier on the Railway in the 24-Pargannas. Some few years ago, however, he became partially paralysed, and was taken by friends to the Little Sister of the Poor, Calcutta, where he suffered much with never a murmur.

The assistant teachers of the Bellios Public School were "At Home" yesterday afternoon, at the school, the occasion being the retirement of Mrs Bateman from the position of Headmistress of the Institution. A large number of the past and present pupils of the school assembled, and among others present were Mr and Mrs R. E. Bellios (who are at present visiting Hongkong) and Mr E. A. Irving, Head of the Hongkong Educational Department. After tea and other refreshments had been served numerous handsome gifts were presented to Mrs Bateman, among them being a jade-stone and gold brooch from the present pupils, a silver rose bowl and gold brooch from former scholars, and a handsome embroidered fan screen, scroll and tea caddy from the teachers and pupils of the Chinese division. Mrs Bateman, in acknowledging the various gifts, spoke feelingly of her approaching departure and took occasion to refer to the great pleasure and happiness she had always experienced during the fifteen years she had been head-mistress of the school. Mr Irving and Mr Bellios each referred to the regret felt by all at the thought of Mrs Bateman's impending departure, and expressed the hope that she might have many happy years before her in the Homeland. In taking leave of the scholars Mr Bellios intimated his intention of providing a number of prizes to be competed for by the various classes at the close of the midsummer term, an announcement which was received with enthusiasm. Mr and Mrs Bellios take more than an ordinary interest in the welfare of this particular school, since it is owing to the generosity of the late Hon. Mr R. E. Bellios, C.M.G., that the building exists. His idea was to provide for the education of Chinese girls, and the number present yesterday (over 300) show that the aim is being abundantly realised.

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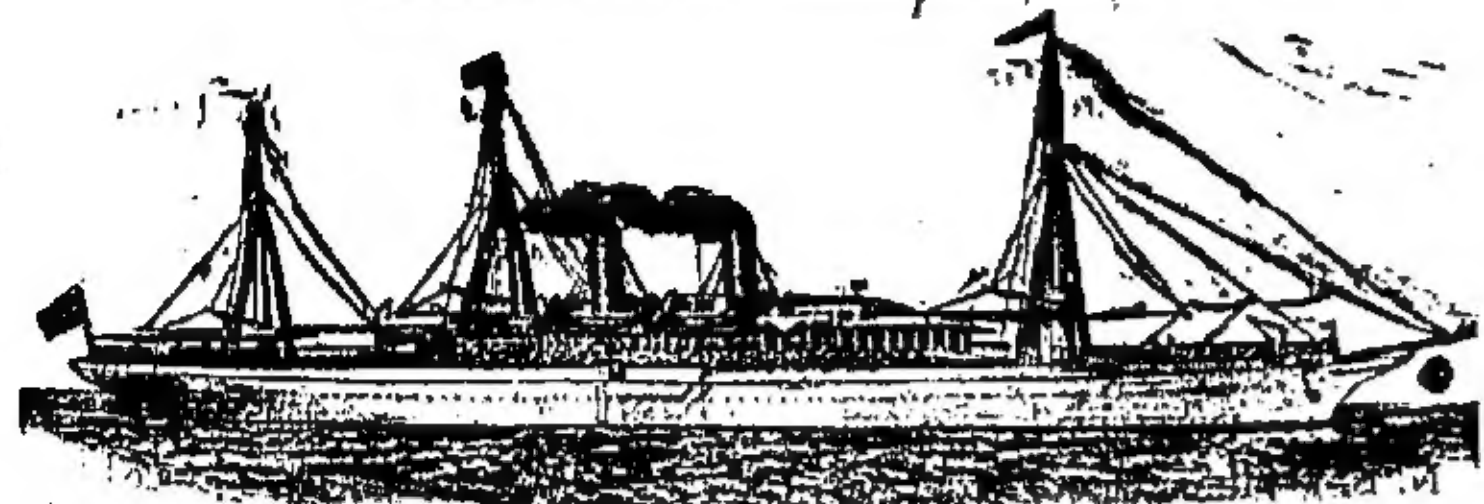
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMERS	DATE
AMERICA MARU, 11,000 Gross Tons	FRIDAY, 25th May, at Noon.
OHIAI, 10,200 "	TUESDAY, 12th June, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU, 11,000 "	TUESDAY, 19th June, at Noon.
DORIC, 8,500 "	TUESDAY, 26th June, at Noon.
MANCHURIA, 27,000 "	FRIDAY, 6th July, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU, 11,000 "	TUESDAY, 17th July, at Noon.
KOREA, 18,000 "	TUESDAY, 24th July, at Noon.
COPTO, 9,900 "	FRIDAY, 3rd Aug., at Noon.
SIBERIA, 18,100 "	FRIDAY, 3rd Aug., at Noon.

RECORD FAST TRIPS.

Yokohama to San Francisco, via S. KOREA, 18,000 tons, September 16-27th 1905; 10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes.

San Francisco to Honolulu, via S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, August 18th-20th, 1905; 4 days, 19 hours.

San Francisco to Yokohama, via S. SIBERIA, calling at Midway Islands and Honolulu en-route, August 18th-31st, 1905, 13 days, 15 hours.

Yokohama to San Francisco, via S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, Oct. 13th to 23rd, 1905; 10 days, 10 hours and 29 minutes.

THE T. K. K. Steamship AMERICA MARU will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, (INLAND SEA), KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 25th May, 1906, at Noon, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.

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STEAMSHIP.

Tons.

Captains.

To SAIL ON.

STEAMSHIP	Tons	Captains	To SAIL ON
ARABIA	4498	METZGER	May 25, at Daylight.
ARAGONIA	5198	ERNEST	June 11, at Daylight.
NIJOMEDIA	4870	WIGMORE	June 21, at Daylight.
NUMANTIA	4370	FRUTKIN	July 14, at Daylight.

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FOR	LEAVING
TAMUL via SWATOW AND AMOY	SUNDAY, May 20, at 10 a.m.
TAMUL via SWATOW AND AMOY	SUNDAY, May 27, at 10 a.m.
ANPING via SWATOW AND AMOY	WEDNESDAY, May 31, a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW AND AMOY	THURSDAY, May 31, a.m.
AMOY AND FOCHOOW	
SHANGHAI via SWATOW AND AMOY	
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VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA

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STEAMERS	Tons	Captains	To SAIL
VREMONTE	9608	T. W. Gaillet	26th May.
SHAWMUT	4412	O. V. Williams	3rd July.
TREMONTE	9608	E. J. Roberts	27th July.
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